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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

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FOR THE YEAR 1947.

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MALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my annual report for the year 1947,which is compiled according to the Instructions of, and from the Statistics supplied by, the Ministry of Health.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	48,078
Population Estimated as at Mid-Year	5,788
Number of Inhabited Houses ...	1,620
Rateable Value	£18,199-7-0
Product of the Penny Rate... ...	£77-10-6

The sole industry of the District is Agriculture and the various persuits connected therewith. These comprise Arable farming, Dairy Farming, in which there has been considerable increase of late Stock and Sheep raising, both of which have declined owing to the present stringency in food stuffs.

The production of milk has greatly increased, and much more attention is being paid to quality and improved methods of pro-uction.

It may be noted that there has, for a change, been an increase in population to the extent of 87 persons.

VITAL STATISTICS—

	Males	Females
Live Births	42	44
Legitimate	42	40
Illegitimate	0	4

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of total population is 14.8.

Still Births numbered 4, all being legitimate - 1 male and 3 females. The Still Birth Rate therefore is 0,68 per 1,000 total population. The number of Deaths was 58, 29 males and 29 females, giving a Death Rate per 1,000 total population of 10.0 The comparative figures of Birth Rate and Death Rate for the whole country will be seen to be 20.5 and 12, so that both figures are below the average. Death of Infants under 1 year of age numbered 3, 1 male and 2 females, all legitimate. This gives a Death Rate from all causes under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births of 34.8, against 41 for the whole country. There were no deaths in infants under 2 years of age from Diarrhœa.

On examination of the various causes of Death, we find that 16 were due to Heart Disease and 10 to Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions. All these may be considered as Diseases of advanced age

There were 7 deaths due to Cancer, 1 to Tuberculosis of Lung, none were due to the acute Infectious Diseases, e.g., Scarlet Fever, Measles etc., and none to the risks attendant upon child bearing.

ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis	0	1
Cancer	3	4
Intra cranial vascular lesions	3	7
Heart disease	10	6
Other disorders of the Circulatory system ...	2	0
Pneumonia	2	0
Other Respiratory Diseases...	0	1
Other Diseases of the Digestive System	1	1
Nephritis	2	2
Congenital debility, ... malformation etc.	0	2
Suicide	0	1
Other violent causes ...	2	1
All other causes ...	4	3

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following were notified:-

	Males	Females
Erysipelas	1	1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	
Scarlet Fever	1	
Whooping Cough ...	3	
Measles	25	

The cases of measles were spread over the whole district and the whole year from May to December.

Tuberculosis of the Lung ... 1. aged 26

We have reverted to the pr-war arrangements and cases will now be sent to York Isolation Hospital although in the majority of cases satisfactory isolation can be carried out at home, and no extension of cases has occured owing to this being done.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health,

Dr. L. C. WALKER, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
(Part-time)

Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor, Meat Inspector,
Inspector under the Milk and Dairies Order, Inspector under Petroleum Acts, Buildings Inspector, etc.

J. E. MORGAN, C.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Holds:-

1. Certificate of Royal Institue of Public Health and Hygiene.
2. Diploma of the Royal Institute of Public Health, and Hygiene.
3. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board.

2. Nursing in the Home.

This is under the direct control of the County Authorities, and in general works satisfactorily.

The District is covered by Nurses who also act as Midwives, and who reside at Amotherby. Nunnington and Sheriff Hutton.

Infectious Diseases are generally nursed at home, as many of the cases can safely be isolated and no spread of disease has been found to follow this policy.

3. Midwives.

See 2 above.

4. Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory situate at the County Hall, Northallerton. The chief criticism of this arrangement is the delay in getting specimens to the Laboratory, and also that it is not considered that blood specimens as sent by post are

satisfactory. At the same time the Pathologists have invariably been most helpful to the practi.ioners in the Area and wide use is made of these facilities.

5. Hospitals.

This need is supplied by the Malton and District Hospital (27 beds) situated at Malton, the York County and York City Hospitals and the Leeds General Infirmary. Orthopædic cases are treated as required at the Adela Shaw Orthopædic Hospital, Kirbymoorside.

6. Unmarried Mothers and Mental Defectives.

Unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children are provided for by the Ryedale Guardians Committee.

7. Ambulance Facilities:-

These are provided as follows:-

(a) for Infectious Diseases by the Isolation Hospital, York, and

(b) for Non-infected cases and accidents by the Malton Ambulance under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Society who freely and willingly give their services.

8. Clinics — Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held each month at Swinton.

Orthopædic Clinics are held at regular intervals by the County Orthopædic Surgeon, and at Malton Hospital by the visiting Surgeon.

Cases of Tuberculosis can be sent to the Dispensary at Scarborough. Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases are held at York County Hospital and the Scarborough Hospital.

SANITARY INSPECTORS REPORT
January, 1948.

Synopsis of Inspections made,

Dwelling Houses:-	
Consolidated Regulations	215
Water Supply	18
Overcrowding	6
Infectious Diseases	3
Miscellaneous	145
Sanitary Conveniences.	
Ashpits and Privies	42
Water Closets	12
Chemical Closets	1
Refuse Disposal.	
Tips	31
Drains and Sewers.	
Inspections	151
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	21
Water tested	22
Public Urinals	1
Factories.	
With mechanical power	1
Without mechanical power	–
Outworkers	–
Food.	
Inspections	15
Condemnations	4
Food Storage (Preparation etc).	
Butcher's Shops	4
Cowsheds and Dairies	205
Fish Friers	Nil
Miscellaneous.	
New Buildings	23
Moveable Dwellings	6
Ponds and Water Courses	28
Rats and Mice	7
Building Licences	188
Petroleum Licences	2
Schools	3
Animals and Poultry	9
Total ...	1164

Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919. and Infestation Order, 1943.

There are no major infestations and a rodent operator is not employed. All complaints have been investigated, and referred to the Pests Officer of the North Riding Agricultural Executive Committee to carry out treatments.

Shops Acts, 1934-

In the main the shops in the District are of the one-man business type Sixteen visits have been made.

Camping Sites.

There are no licensed sites for campers in the district. On occasions small encampments of gypsies appear but no difficulty has been experienced in securing their removal.

Offensive Trades.

There are no trades under this heading.

Slaughterhouses.

There are six licensed slaughterhouses in the district, although none are used for public slaughtering. All meat supplied to the area is inspected at a Central Slaughterhouse at Malton.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

During the year 3 applications for slaughtermen's licenses were received and granted. There are now 15 licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Etc.

No cases were reported or discovered.

Schools.

The sanitation of Schools in the area can be described as fair. The use of privies and privy-middens is general, and this is due, in the main, to the lack of main sewers. Water closets draining to small sewage disposal plants, are desirable and should be iustalled.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply:

Number of Producers Registered	256
Number of Retail Purveyors Registered ...	13
Number of Retail Purveyors Resident Outside the District	1
Number of Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds	205
Number of Cowsheds and Daries reconstructed to comply with the Milk and Daries Order 1926.	19

Designated Milks:

The following licenses have been granted by the County Council for the production of Designated Milks:-

Accredited	3
Tuberculin Tested	6

One Supplementary Licence to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk was granted.

During the year the attention of cowkeepers was drawn to the following defects or contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926: Failure to register, defective floors and drainage, water supply, dirty walls and flooring, and lack of lighting and ventilation.

Meat and Foods Inspection.

With the exception of the slaughter of pigs for home consumption no public slaughtering is carried out within the district. As these killings are not notified to this department, no records are kept. Small quantities of food, mainly tinned, were inspected and condemmed as being unfit for human consumption.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Registration of Premises under Section 14.

Ice Cream Dealers	Nil
Ice Cream Manufacturers	Nil
Meat Preparation	Nil
Fish Friers	Nil

Water Supplies.

Twenty-one water samples were taken from the regional supply, and the analyst's reports showed the water to be of a consistently high quality. A piped water supply for the Parish of Scackleton is urgently required.

Public Cleansing.

Unburnable refuse has been collected quarterly from the majority of Parishes and disposal is by means of tipping. One tip at Slingsby is at present being used.

The open sewers, of which there are fifteen, have been cleansed as regularly as possible by direct labour. A service of cesspool emptying by mechanical means has been in use during the year.

Plans for the proposed sewerage of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton-le-Street, Barton-le-Street, Huttons Ambo and Sheriff Hutton have been prepared.

HOUSING.

Number of New Houses Erected during the Year.

1.	By Local Authority	10
2.	By other bodies	3
3.	Number of houses under construction by Local Authority	44

Of the 10 houses completed two Airey Type were situated at Huttons Ambo and eight brick houses at Great Habton. The houses in various stages of construction were dispersed as follows:—

Parish	No.	Type,
Whitwell	4	Traditional Brick
Hovingham	10	,, ,,
Slingsby	14	,, ,,
Terrington	6	,, ,,
Broughton	10	Airey Type
total	44	

Of these, the ten houses at Broughton and fourteen at Slingsby are being built by the Council's direct labour team.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

No successor to M. W. A. Simms, who was carrying out the Rural Housing Survey, was appointed, and consequently it was found impossible to carry out the systematic inspection of houses in the district. It is hoped in the near future that the Council will see their way clear to appoint assistance for this work.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 118

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year.

Number of defective dwelling-houses repaired or improved. 115

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs — Nil
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
   (a) By owner — Nil
   (b) By Local Authority in lieu of owners — Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied — Nil
2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
   (a) By owners — Nil
   (b) By Local Authority in default of owners — Nil

C. Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

1. Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made — Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders — Nil

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made — Nil
2. Number of separate tenement or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit — Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding.

a. (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year — Nil
   (ii) Number of families dwelling therein — Nil
   (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein — Nil

b.		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
c.	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	Nil
d.		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil
e.		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	Nil

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

L. C. WALKER,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.